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Renata B. Hesse Anti-Trust Division U.S. Department of Justice 601 D Street NW, Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20530

Dear Ms. Hesse,

This message is being sent to support the Microsoft settlement. After reading various news articles about the details of the agreement, I strongly believe it is fair and in the best interest of the country; Microsoft has agreed to new contractual restrictions and will share its intellectual property when needed.

While I believe that the government must enforce law when actions warrant it, it is inappropriate for the government to intervene in private industry because a competitor feels that it is losing its ability to create competitive products. I am a strong proponent that the free market be allowed to work and that successful, creative endeavors should be encouraged for the benefit of our country. No good can come from harming a business that contributes so crucially to the lives of other businesses, industries and private users.

Please pass on my remarks to the proper individuals and let them know that this settlement if a good thing for our country.

Sincerely

Recording Secretary

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